

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A pad for application to the human skin, to develop a decongestant, cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical action, comprising a flexible porous support, on at least one surface of which is applied a layer of gel comprising between 50% and 77% of water, between 6.5% and 44% of a dermatologically compatible polymer, between 0% and 10% of a substance of plant origin comprising essential oils and aromatic extracts; and between 0% and 10% of at least one dermatologically compatible component chosen from the group consisting of soothing, skin repairing, cicatrising, anti-inflammatory, antiseptic and bactericidal substances, the percentages being by weight, and wherein said layer of gel comprises between 0.01% and 5.2% of an alkaline or alkaline earth metal tetraborate, the percentages being by weight.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein said support consists of a non-woven fabric made of fibres chosen from the group consisting of viscose, polyester and polyethylene fibres, mixed polyester/viscose fibres, cotton and linen, said fabric support having a thickness between 15 and 200 microns, a density from 65 to 145 g/dm<sup>3</sup> and a weight between 15 and 150 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein said gel comprises between 0.001% and 5.2% of at least one dermatologically compatible auxiliary component chosen from the group consisting of solvents, wetting agents, preservatives, emulsifiers, stabilizers, solubilizers, surfactants, colorants, the percentages being by weight.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The pad as claimed in claim 3, wherein said gel comprises between 0.001% and 5.2% of at least one dermatologically compatible auxiliary component chosen from the group consisting of solvents, wetting agents, preservatives, emulsifiers, stabilizers, solubilizers, surfactants, colorants, the percentages being by weight.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flexible porous support is impregnated with said substance of plant origin, present in a quantity between 0% and 10% by weight on the total weight of the gel applied to the support.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The pad as claimed in claim 3, wherein said flexible porous support is impregnated with said substance of plant origin, present in a quantity between 0% and 10% by weight on the total weight of the gel applied to the support.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The pad as claimed in claim 4, wherein said flexible porous support is impregnated with said substance of plant origin, present in a quantity between 0% and 10% by weight on the total weight of the gel applied to the support.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A decongestant comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A pharmaceutical comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A decongestant nasal patch comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A pharmaceutical eye patch comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 is currently amended.

Claims 2, 5 and 8 are canceled.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9-15 were previously presented.

Upon entry of the amendment Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9-15 will be active.

The amendment to Claim 1 is supported by original Claim 2.

No new matter has been added by the amendment.